Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle July 10, 2014 12:00

Members Present: Geoff Hill, Ross Nason, Elery Keene, Stephanie Kierstead, Christian Savage, Stu Silverstein, Lass Von Appen, Linda Woods

Composting at The Taste

The set-up will be similar to last year. Chamber people will be putting up the pop-ups & trash cans with liners at each station. Christian has the plastic bags. The volunteer sign-up is going well. We have been unable to find a sponsor so far. Linda will be sending the T-shirt order on Friday.

Action Items:

Christian: Send Linda a site map

Christian: Make signs for each station (#1-5); make 2 copies of each number (3 would be better)

Christian: Remind the vendors not to use clear plastic bags

Linda: Get phone numbers for each volunteer

Linda: Send a reminder to Jeff Bragg

Ross: Contact Sullivan's, EcoMaine & Waste Zero about sponsoring

Ross: Bring enough colored trash bags for the vendors

Ross: Make the table tents

Stephanie, Lass & Eric: Create a plan for Thursday

Geoff: Write the press release (maybe Ross has last year's)

Elery: Get the press release into *The Sentinel*

Composting program

Ross provided a report on the composting demonstration at the Taste of the Market. There will be a feature article about Geoff, the master composter in The Source, a supplement to *The Sentinel*.

- Invited to repeat the composting demo at WTVL Market often
- Maybe annually

Stu told about the composting display at the Farmers' Market in Portland.

We talked about commercial/public composting as a component of PAYT in Waterville.

Mike Roy asked Ross & the RX4 Team to coordinate with City, Waste Zero & EcoMaine. Linda met with the leader of Waterville High School to set up an education system through the Green Team. We discussed how officials underestimate how much education is needed.

Action Items:

Stu: Talk to Lissa about creating a handout to be used as a doorknob hanger

Stu & Ross: Create the wording for the handout

?: Put info on web site & Facebook page

Green Business Certification (on hold)

New Projects

Stu said starting in spring 2015 in Portland, stores will no longer be giving free plastic bags or using Styrofoam. This could be the next project after the vote affirming PAYT.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, August 21** at **noon** at **Jin Yuan**.